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Lee Harvey Oswald Autopsy

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As you are aware, the Department is now completing its review of the John F. Kennedy investigation and of the House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations report.

In addition to the specific investigative and analytical tasks which the FBI is performing, it is requested that the Bureau endeavor to remain informed regarding any developments which may be relevant to the Department's role in this matter.

Although the Department does not seek to become actively involved in any of the private-sector controversies regarding the John F. Kennedy assassination, it seems appropriate that we remain sufficiently informed to benefit from any actual advances which may result from private investigations of any sort.

In particular, it is requested that the FBI monitor the results of any autopsy performed upon the body of Lee Harvey Oswald. The presence of an FBI agent in the autopsy room as a witness is neither sought nor deemed advisable. Rather, presence at official announcements regarding autopsy results, if an autopsy occurs, and review of any resulting autopsy reports would seem appropriate.

The continuing cooperation of the Personal Crimes Unit and General Government Crimes Unit of the Criminal Investigative Division of the FBI in the Kennedy assassination investigation is appreciated. The Criminal Division is continuing to review all unsolicited "leads" received from the public in the Kennedy assassination and will continue to forward any information which has any potential investigative value in this matter.

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